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Drug prevention group lauds Rep. Boucher for support



Two Connecticut legislators named winners of Moxie Award

Hartford, CT (2/17/06) - The Drug Free America Foundation honored Connecticut Speaker of the House James A. Amann and State Representative Toni Boucher, naming the lawmakers winners of the 2006 Moxie Awards during a ceremony Feb. 17th in the Legislative Office Building in Hartford.

The two legislators were recognized for their efforts to protect children and prevent illegal drug use by taking a courageous stand against legislation that would have legalized marijuana for so-called medicinal purposes.

“We are deeply appreciative of the strong commitment Speaker James A. Amann and State Representative Toni Boucher have made toward eradicating illegal drugs in Connecticut,” said Calvin Fay, Executive Director of the Drug Free America Foundation.

Fay applauded both Speaker Amann and Representative Boucher for recognizing that the young people of Connecticut are at risk when legalized marijuana is made readily available to them.

“We are truly thankful for the genuine concern these lawmakers have shown and for their sincere approach to examining the issues of drug dependency and drug abuse,” said Fay. “Connecticut needs more leaders to take a hard line on drug abuse. Thank you for recognizing the dangers of drug use and helping us to push back against it.”

In addition to the Moxie Award, the Drug Free America Foundation is contributing a total of \$2,000 for drug treatment for two specific children in Connecticut – one in Speaker Amann’s name and one in Representative Boucher’s name.

“Today’s marijuana is much more powerful and much more addictive than it was a generation ago,” Fay said.

The medical fraud marijuana initiatives are a scam for legalizing the drug without regard to the harm it does in other ways, she said. Fay said that 7.1 million Americans suffer

from illegal drug dependence or abuse, and more than 60 percent of young people are in treatment for marijuana dependency “Of all teenagers in drug treatment in 2000, about 62 percent had a primary marijuana diagnosis. More young people are now in treatment for marijuana dependency than for alcohol or for all other illegal drugs combined,” Fay said.

Drug Free America Foundation, Inc. is a drug prevention and policy organization committed to developing, promoting and sustaining global strategies, policies and laws that will reduce illegal drug use, drug addiction and drug-related injury and death.